THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Distribution of electricity falls within the purview of licensees in various States.

The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the power utilities under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening and improvement of sub-transmission and distribution (ST&D) system in their areas.

Setting up of mega thermal plant in Orissa

1434. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mega thermal plant with 2000 MW, is proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to generate additional power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC Ltd. proposes to take up Darlipalli Integrated Thermal Power Project with a capacity of 3200 MW (4x800 MW) in Sundargarh district of Orissa for benefits in the 12th Plan period. Site specific studies for the project are in progress and Feasibility Report is under preparation. In addition, NTPC Ltd. has also identifed Derang Thermal Power Project (2400 MW) in Angul district and Gajmara Thermal Power Project (to be developed in Joint Venture with Coal India Limited) with a capacity of 3200 MW in Dhenkanal district in the State of Orissa. Government of Orissa has been requested for in-principle availability of land/water for these two projects.

Central Electricity Authority has also identified Bedabahal, District Sundergarh as a proposed site for an Ultra Mega Power Project (4000 MW) in Orissa to be implemented through tariff based competitive bidding. In addition, Government has identified five coal blocks i.e. Ghogharpali, Dip side of Ghogarpali, Bankhui, Sakhigopal B and Alaknanda in Orissa for setting up of three mega power plants on tariff based competitive bidding. On completion, all the above projects would provide sufficient power generation capacity in the State of Orissa.

Target under RGGVY

† 1435. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the rural electrification programme under the Raj iv Gandhi Electrification Mission in many States is far behind its fixed target; and

(b) if so, the names of such States and the steps being taken to further extend the target of rural electrification in those States?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The progress of the scheme is as per the targets set during 2005-06 and 2006-07. Some states like Jharkhand, Orissa, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland & Maharashtra submitted their Detailed Project Reports

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